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SIDMOUTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the Year

1962



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Shorthand Typist to Medical Officer, Surveyor  
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Shorthand Typist to Medical Officer, Surveyor  
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### COMMITTEES CONCERNED WITH PUBLIC HEALTH

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To the Chairman and Members of the  
Sidmouth Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Members,

I have again made comments where necessary on matters controlled by the Devon County Council so that the overall picture of public health in this area may be presented. The Public Health Inspector and his staff have, as formerly, prepared the main body of the report and I wish to express my thanks to them.

One sad event during the year was the sudden death of the Water Manager, Mr. H.E. Scadding, who had been in the service of the Council for a period of almost 30 years, and who had continued in office beyond retiring age in order to put his experience at the service of the Council on the matter of the proposed Devon Water Bill.

Once more I would like to express my thanks to the Council for their continued support throughout the year.

I am,

Your Obedient Servant,

R.C. MACLEOD,

Medical Officer of Health.





1. STATISTICS OF THE AREA:

|                                  |                        |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Area .....                       | 11,475 acres.          |
| Estimated Population .....       | 10,220 (30.6.62.)      |
| Census Population .....          | 11,139 (April, 1961)   |
| Number of Habitable Houses ..... | 4,202 (1.4.1963)       |
| Rateable Value .....             | £553,063. (1.4.1963) * |
| Penny Rate Produces .....        | £2,276. (1.4.1963) *   |

\* Revised Rateable Values.

NOTE: It is of interest to note that the census population as revealed in 1951 is higher than the Registrar General's estimated population for the year 1962. The following tables are pertinent:-

|               | M     | <u>Population</u> |              | <u>Occupied dwellings</u> | <u>Households</u> |
|---------------|-------|-------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
|               |       | <u>F</u>          | <u>TOTAL</u> |                           |                   |
| 1951 (Census) | 4,284 | 6,124             | 10,408       | 3,049                     | 3,219             |
| 1961 (Census) | 4,617 | 6,522             | 11,139       | 4,041                     | 3,799             |

2. VITAL STATISTICS:

The previous year's figures have been included so that comparisons can be made.

| <u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>   |      |     |      |     |     |     | <u>1962</u> | <u>1961</u> |
|--|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-------------|-------------|
| Male births registered ...   | ...  | ... | .... | ... | ... | ... | 55          | 58          |
| Female births registered ..  | ...  | ... | .... | ... | ... | ... | 44          | 62          |
| TOTAL BIRTHS   |      |     |      |     |     |     | <u>99</u>   | <u>120</u>  |
|  |      |     |      |     |     |     | ===         | ===         |
| Illegitimate births included in total  | .... | ... | ...  |     |     |     | 6           | 11          |
| Crude live birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population ...     | ...  | ... | .... | ... | ... | ... | 9.7         | 11.7        |
| Corrected live birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population ... | ...  | ... | .... | ... | ... | ... | 12.8        | 15.4        |
| Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births ..                    |      |     |      |     |     |     | 6.1         | 9.2         |
| <u>STILL BIRTHS</u>  |      |     |      |     |     |     |             |             |
| Still births registered ..   | ...  | ... | .... | ... | ... | ... | 1           | 2           |
| Illegitimate still births  | ...  | ... | .... | ... | ... | ... | -           | -           |
| TOTAL STILL BIRTHS   |      |     |      |     |     |     | <u>1</u>    | <u>2</u>    |
|  |      |     |      |     |     |     | ===         | ===         |
| Total live and still births ...  | ...  | ... | .... | ... | ... | ... | 100         | 122         |
| Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births                                 | ...  | ... |      | ... | ... | ... | 10.0        | 16.4        |
| <u>DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR</u>                                      |      |     |      |     |     |     |             |             |
| Deaths registered ..   | ...  | ... | .... | ... | ... | ... | 2           | -           |
| Illegitimate deaths registered .   | ...  | ... | .... | ... | ... | ... | 1           | -           |
| TOTAL DEATHS   |      |     |      |     |     |     | <u>3</u>    | <u>0</u>    |
|  |      |     |      |     |     |     | ===         | ===         |

2. VITAL STATISTICS (Continued)

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR (Continued)

|  | 1962  | 1961 |
|--|-------|------|
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births ... .. | 30.3  | 0    |
| " " " " " legitimate live births ... ..            | 21.5  | 0    |
| " " " " " illegitimate live births ... ..          | 166.7 | 0    |

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 4 WEEKS OF AGE.

|   |      |    |
|---|------|----|
| Deaths registered ... ..                          | 2    | 0  |
| Illegitimate deaths registered ... ..             | 1    | 0  |
| Total deaths ... ..                               | 3    | 0  |
|   | ==   | == |
| Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births .. | 30.3 | 0  |
| Maternal deaths ... ..                            | 0    | 0  |

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 WEEK OF AGE

|  |       |      |
|--|-------|------|
| Deaths registered ... ..   | 2     | 0    |
| Illegitimate deaths registered ..  | 1     | 0    |
| Total deaths ... ..  | 3     | 0    |
|  | ==    | ==   |
| Early neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births   | 30.3  | 0    |
| Peri-natal mortality rate (still births and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total live and still births) ... .. | 40.4. | 16.4 |

3. DEATHS

(a) Statistics Provided by the Registrar General

Causes of Death

|   | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| <u>Cancer</u>                           |             |               |              |
| Malignant neoplasm, stomach             | 0           | 6             | 6            |
| Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus      | 5           | 3             | 8            |
| Malignant neoplasm, breast              | 0           | 3             | 3            |
| Leukaemia                               | 0           | 1             | 1            |
| Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms | 14          | 16            | 30           |
| <u>Heart Diseases</u>                   |             |               |              |
| Coronary disease, angina                | 17          | 18            | 35           |
| Other heart diseases                    | 7           | 21            | 28           |
| Other circulatory diseases              | 9           | 11            | 20           |
| <u>Respiratory Diseases</u>             |             |               |              |
| Pneumonia                               | 3           | 7             | 10           |
| Bronchitis                              | 4           | 1             | 5            |
| Other diseases of respiratory system    | 0           | 1             | 1            |



3. DEATHS (Continued)

|   | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| <u>Other Diseases</u>   |             |               |              |
| Diabetes  | 0           | 1             | 1            |
| Vascular lesions of nervous system<br>(e.g. cerebral haemorrhage) | 13          | 21            | 34           |
| Nephritis & Nephrosis   | 1           | 1             | 2            |
| Ulcer of stomach and duodenum                                     | 0           | 1             | 1            |
| Hyperplasia of prostate   | 2           | 0             | 2            |
| Congenital Malformations  | 0           | 2             | 2            |
| Other defined and ill-defined diseases                            | 3           | 8             | 11           |
| Accidents   | 1           | 5             | 6            |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents   | 0           | 1             | 1            |
| Suicide   | 2           | 0             | 2            |
|   | <hr/>       | <hr/>         | <hr/>        |
|   | 81          | 128           | 209          |

(b) Infant Mortality

|                                |       |       |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Deaths of infants under 1 year | 1     | 2     | 3     |
|                                | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| TOTAL DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES:  | 82    | 130   | 212   |
|                                | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |

(c) Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population

Crude Death Rate - 20.7                      Corrected Death Rate - 11.4

4. INFECTIOUS DISEASES:

| <u>Disease</u> | <u>Cases<br/>Notified</u> | <u>Cases Admitted<br/>to Hospital</u> | <u>Deaths</u> |
|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Measles        | 50                        | -                                     | -             |
| Tuberculosis   | 1                         | -                                     | -             |

5. TUBERCULOSIS:

New Cases and Mortality, 1962.

New Cases Notified:

| <u>Age Periods</u> | <u>Respiratory</u> |           | <u>Non-Respiratory</u> |           |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|
|                    | <u>M.</u>          | <u>F.</u> | <u>M.</u>              | <u>F.</u> |
| 5 - 14             | -                  | -         | -                      | -         |
| 15 - 24            | -                  | -         | -                      | -         |
| 25 - 44            | 1                  | -         | -                      | -         |
| 45 - 64            | -                  | -         | -                      | -         |
| 65 upwards         | -                  | -         | -                      | -         |

Deaths from Tuberculosis - NIL.

6. NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946:

- (a) The Devon County Council are the Local Health Authority responsible for the Act under Part III. The Hospital Facilities under Part II have been found satisfactory when needed.

6. NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946: (Continued)

(b) Isolation.

Arrangements for the admission of cases of infectious diseases to the Whipton Isolation Hospital at Exeter are satisfactory. The Medical Superintendent and staff are always co-operative and helpful.

(c) Smallpox

A Smallpox Hospital at Upton Pyne, administered by the Regional Hospital Board is available in case of need.

(d) Laboratory Facilities.

The Public Health Laboratory has been available when necessary and Dr. Moore is always willing to provide advice and help if required.

(e) Ambulance Facilities.

These are provided by the County Council.

(f) Dental Care of Mothers and Young Children

These facilities are provided by the County Council.

7. (a) OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE:

The importance of increasing the amount of attention devoted to the welfare of old people is stressed by all authorities. The Meals on Wheels Service continues to give a much needed and much appreciated service and it is hoped that expansion may be possible.

The formation of a Sidmouth Council of Social Service to co-ordinate the work of all organizations in the town working in this field took place in February, 1962. Much useful work has already been done.

(b) NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

Section 47 - Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

No statutory action was found necessary during the year although as always cases come to the notice of the local health authority from time to time and are visited or referred to the Welfare Department of the County Council. The association with (a) above is of course obvious.

8. IMMUNISATION:

(1) The importance of maintaining the immunity of children is once again stressed. The fact that say diphtheria has not been seen in Sidmouth for some years does not mean that it could not return should the level of immunisation fall.

(2) Tuberculosis

At present all children in Primary Schools are Heaf tested ( a simple skin test ) to see whether they have been exposed to the infection. Those who are shown to have been so exposed are X-rayed together with their families as a precautionary measure. It should be remembered that all middle-aged and older persons in this county have been exposed to this infection at one time or another and all but a few have overcome it without developing the disease. The discovery of children with a positive skin test may, however, lead us to undetected cases.



8. IMMUNISATION (Continued)

(2) Tuberculosis (Continued)

Children in senior schools, including private schools, are also Heaf tested and if negative are offered B.C.G. vaccination against Tuberculosis. This vaccination is carried out by me throughout the six districts of my area.

The figures for senior schools in 1962 are:-

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Children found negative | 105 |
| Children found positive | 14  |
| Children given B.C.G.   | 102 |

Mass Radiography Service

Preliminary Surveys

| <u>Groups examined:</u>            | <u>Ham Car Park</u> |           |               | <u>Balfour Arms.</u> |           |              |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|---------------|----------------------|-----------|--------------|
|                                    | <u>M.</u>           | <u>F.</u> | <u>Total.</u> | <u>M.</u>            | <u>F.</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| G.P. Referrals                     | 1                   | -         | 1             | -                    | -         | -            |
| School leavers                     | -                   | 9         | 9             | 17                   | 13        | 30           |
| Heaf Positive children             | 4                   | 2         | 6             | 4                    | 10        | 14           |
| General Hospital Staff             | 1                   | -         | 1             | -                    | -         | -            |
| School staff                       | 1                   | 11        | 12            | 4                    | 6         | 10           |
| Contacts of Heaf Positive children | 9                   | 9         | 18            | -                    | 1         | 1            |
|                                    | 16                  | 31        | 47            | 25                   | 30        | 55           |

Final Survey

A. Pulmonary Tuberculosis

|                                       |     |     |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| 1. Newly discovered significant cases | Nil | Nil |
| 2. Healed cases. No further action.   | Nil | Nil |
| 3. Previously known cases             | Nil | Nil |

B. Other Conditions

|                          |   |                         |
|--------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Bronchitis and emphysema | 1 | Nothing abnormal found. |
|--------------------------|---|-------------------------|

9. WATER SUPPLIES:

(1) The details of the Core Hill reservoir scheme have not been repeated this year, but the brief details are that the borehole, sunk to a depth of 500 feet, and with a maximum yield of 600,000 gallons per day, supplies the Core Hill Reservoir via an electrically driven submersible pump, and from there is fed by gravity to the Peak Hill and Woolbrook Reservoirs as well as augmenting the Bickwell Valley and High Street, Sidford areas.

The following tables indicate the character and quantities from the various sources which make up our public supplies:

9. WATER SUPPLIES (Continued)

Character and Quantity of Public Supplies.

| (a) <u>LAND SPRING SUPPLIES:</u> | <u>Parts per</u><br><u>Million</u> | <u>pH</u><br><u>Value</u><br>*** | <u>Maximum Quantity</u><br><u>in Gallons per day</u> |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|

Bernards Farm, Sidbury

|                    |            |     |         |
|--------------------|------------|-----|---------|
| Temporary hardness | 172        |     |         |
| Permanent hardness | <u>16</u>  | 7.8 | 100,000 |
| TOTAL hardness     | <u>188</u> |     |         |

Plyford Filter Bed, Sidbury  
(including Pinn Hill, Core Copse,  
Wolversleigh, Vercombes Well)

|                    |           |     |         |
|--------------------|-----------|-----|---------|
| Temporary hardness | 5         |     |         |
| Permanent hardness | <u>15</u> | 5.7 | 196,000 |
| TOTAL hardness     | <u>20</u> |     |         |

Core Way, Sidford

|                    |           |     |       |
|--------------------|-----------|-----|-------|
| Temporary hardness | 7         |     |       |
| Permanent hardness | <u>31</u> | 6.4 | 2,000 |
| TOTAL hardness     | <u>38</u> |     |       |

Bulverton, Sidmouth

|                    |            |     |       |
|--------------------|------------|-----|-------|
| Temporary hardness | 263        |     |       |
| Permanent hardness | <u>10</u>  | 8.0 | 1,500 |
| TOTAL hardness     | <u>273</u> |     |       |

Peak Hill     )  
Stintway    )   Retained as a standby.

\*\*\* The pH value represents the acidity or alkalinity of water.  
A pH value of 7 is a neutral water - below that figure the water  
is soft and acid, and above that alkaline.

(b) BOREHOLES:

Two Existing Boreholes, Sidford

|                    |            |     |         |
|--------------------|------------|-----|---------|
| Temporary hardness | 217        |     |         |
| Permanent hardness | <u>10</u>  | 7.7 | 264,000 |
| TOTAL hardness     | <u>227</u> |     |         |

New Borehold, Sidford

|                    |            |              |                           |
|--------------------|------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| Temporary hardness | 220        |              |                           |
| Permanent hardness | <u>9</u>   | 8.0          | <u>600,000</u>            |
| TOTAL hardness     | <u>229</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>1,163,500</u><br>===== |



9. WATER SUPPLIES:

(2) Devon Water Supply:

Following the Public Inquiry in October, 1961, the Minister of Housing and Local Government made the South West Devon Water Board Order, 1963, which came into operation on the 8th April, 1963. The Water Undertaking of Torquay was included although that authority had submitted its own Order with certain neighbouring Authorities. Torquay did not press for special parliamentary procedure or petition for any amendment to the Order.

The Plymouth Water Board Order was also made and Plympton St. Mary will be supplied from this source.

The decision letter of the Minister on the East Devon Water Board Order has now been received and it is satisfactory to note that the Minister has decided that the Board shall include the Exeter Undertaking.

The Exeter Corporation can press for special Parliamentary procedure in which case it will be primarily for the Minister to defend his own Order before the Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament.

(3) Private Supplies:

Salcombe Regis

Since the village was supplied by the East Devon Water Board there has been no change. The Thorn Caravan Site with its new sanitary and ablution block must have a considerable draw off during the peak summer period.

The houses below the Church are still supplied from the spring in the field above Springfield.

Harcombe

There has been no further trouble from the main supply since the renewal of the mains by the collective effort of the consumers.

Fortescue

A check on the reservoir and catchpit area during a dry period in June, of this year, showed that the yield was approximately 4,000 gallons per day and the reservoir capacity 7,000 gallons. When the building site now being developed by the owner of the supply is complete there will be 39 properties connected to the supply which is considered sufficient. The supply is satisfactory.

Sidbury

There has been no alteration in respect of the private supplies owned by the Sidbury Manor Estate in 1962.

Bowd

Toward the end of the year this small private supply owned by the Clinton Devon Estates failed. The Council's officers met representatives of the owners on the site, and the matter was considered by the Council who felt that the Clinton Estates ought to carry out such works as necessary to continue to provide water for the houses. This was accepted by them.



9. WATER SUPPLIES (continued)

(4) Distribution:

Public Supplies:

|   |          | <u>Total</u> |
|---|----------|--------------|
| Number of properties connected to S.U.D.C. supply                         | 3,805    |              |
| Number of properties connected to Honiton Hill ram                        | 5        |              |
| Number of properties at Salcombe Regis supplied by East Devon Water Board | 25       |              |
| Number of properties on Bulverton supply                                  | <u>8</u> | 3,843        |

Private Supplies:

Salcombe Regis -

|                                |    |
|--------------------------------|----|
| Properties connected to spring | 8  |
| Other private supplies         | 15 |

Harcombe -

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Properties connected to main village supply | 8  |
| Other small supplies or wells               | 22 |

|                                  |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Fortescue - Properties connected | 36 |
|----------------------------------|----|

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Bowd Properties connected to main supply | 11 |
| Other small supplies or wells            | 7  |

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Sidbury Ridgeway - properties connected | 61 |
| Greenhead - properties connected        | 92 |
| Hatway - properties connected           | 20 |

|  |           |     |
|--|-----------|-----|
| Other properties in outlying areas with own private supplies | <u>76</u> | 356 |
|--|-----------|-----|

|  |  |          |
|--|--|----------|
| Number of properties <u>without</u> water supplies |  | <u>3</u> |
|--|--|----------|

4,202  
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(5) Fluoridation

This simple and effective method of reducing the appalling amount of dental decay now prevalent seems to have aroused perfervid opposition. The proponents of the measure have produced the results of numerous investigations to prove that fluoridation is both effective and safe. The opponents have been able to produce nothing of this sort. Search for actual facts amongst the torrent of material and opinion put out by them is quite unavailing.

The Council awaits some further information on the matter.

10 SEWAGE:

Work continued throughout the year on the new sea-outfall. The original method of constructing the under-water section having proved unsuccessful, the contractors proceeded with the erection of a substantial steel temporary jetty. This was a lengthy operation and the actual laying of the cast-iron pipe line under-water did not commence until the first week in September. Steady progress was then achieved, in view of the natural hazards of works of this nature and it is expected that the outfall will be in use by the end of the summer of 1963.

11. FOOD:

(a) Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

The number of inspections was slightly increased during the year, although as stated in previous reports, the Public Health Department is handicapped in this matter by the lack of a qualified assistant.

(b) Meat.

The arrangements for the supply of meat continue. It is obtained either from the Exeter City abattoir or from a private slaughterhouse at Honiton and seems to work quite satisfactorily. There are 12 butchers shops in the district and one stall at the Market and the standard is satisfactory.

(c) Fish

There has been no change during the year, there being four wet fish shops, all with enclosed fronts and three mobile fishmongers, one operating from outside the district. The standard of hygiene has been found to be good.

(d) Milk and Dairies

Being a "specified area" all milk sold is either pasteurized or tuberculin tested. The milk is pasteurized at the plant in Exeter, and the local premises which previously housed this equipment is now a storage depot.

There are at present five registered dairies and all were found satisfactory during the year.

(e) Ice-Cream

During the year it was decided to check on all premises selling ice-cream, and as a result it was found that a few persons were selling without being registered, whilst others still registered had ceased. As a result all premises were re-registered.

It will be seen that of 20 samples taken only three fell into grade 2 category, and a "follow up" on these showed that in two of the cases, the result was due to improperly sterilised serving utensils whilst the other was only partially wrapped.

Number and Gradings of Ice-Cream Samples

| <u>No. of Samples</u> | <u>Grade 1</u> | <u>Grade 2</u> | <u>Grade 3</u> | <u>Grade 4</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 20                    | 17             | 3              | -              | -              |

(f) Bakers and Confectioners

There are now only eight bakehouses in the district, the one reported last year as making only a few cakes has ceased operation, and the business turned over to a self-service store after enlargement. Another, bought by a multiple firm will no doubt cease production soon.

Those still operating were found satisfactory on inspections.

(g) General provisions

The average general provision shop tends to stock a great number of "lines", due partly to the increase in pre-packed articles of food, and no doubt also to economic pressures in an endeavour to compete with self-service and multiple stores. Attention is still needed to make sure the routine at the rear of the shop is still satisfactory, especially when open food is sold. Generally, conditions were found satisfactory.



# 11. FOOD (Continued)

## (h) Greengrocers and Fruiterers

As reported previously there are eight premises of this type in the district although it has been noted that many general shops are now selling vegetables and fruit as well as groceries, and where potatoes are handled from a sack it is essential that special attention is paid to hand washing. As opportunities arise these matters are checked during routine visits.

## (i) Hotels, Restaurants, Cafes.

Although there has been a slight increase in the number of visits to these premises during the year, these are fewer than one could wish. I realise, however, that with only one qualified Public Health Inspector who has many other duties, it is only possible to make limited inspections. As occasions arise, I accompany the Inspector and those premises visited were generally satisfactory.

## (j) Unsound Food

The tabulated statement at the end of the report shows the amount of unsound food condemned. The arrangement for disposal is as previously, that is, it is taken to the refuse tip and buried.

# 12. FOOD POISONING:

No cases of food poisoning were notified during the year.

# 13. HOUSING:

## (a) Slum Clearance

It will be seen from the tables below that the original programme submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in 1956, is now almost complete.

Although from time to time it may be necessary to take action to close or demolish a few houses, it is not anticipated that anything like a programme will be undertaken for several years.

### CLEARANCE AREAS

| <u>Address</u>            | <u>Orders Confirmed</u><br><u>No. of Houses</u> | <u>Houses</u><br><u>Demolished</u> | <u>Closed</u> | <u>Pending</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|---------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1 & 2 Ham Cottages        | 2   | -                                  | -             | -              | 2            |
| 1 - 8 York Street         | -   | 8                                  | -             | -              | 8            |
| 1 - 4 Stowford Cottages   | -   | 4                                  | -             | -              | 4            |
| 1 - 6 Victoria Cottages   | -   | 6                                  | -             | -              | 6            |
| 1 & 2 Mill Street         | -   | 2                                  | -             | -              | 2            |
| 1 & 2 Fuchsia Cottages    | -   | 2                                  | -             | -              | 2            |
| 10 & 11 Mill Street       | -   | 2                                  | -             | -              | 2            |
| Eaton Cottage, Temple St. | -   | -                                  | 1             | -              | 1            |
| 1 High Street, Sidford.   | -   | -                                  | 1             | -              | 1            |
| 43 York Street            | -   | 1                                  | -             | -              | 1            |
| 2 East Street *           | -   | -                                  | 1             | -              | 1            |
| Trow Cottage *            | -   | -                                  | 1             | -              | 1            |

### 13. HOUSING (Continued)

#### (a) Slum Clearance (Continued)

| <u>Address</u>                                  | <u>Orders Confirmed<br/>No. of Houses</u> | <u>Houses<br/>Demolished</u> | <u>Closed</u>      | <u>Pending</u>    | <u>TOTAL</u>       |
|---|---|------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Thatched Cottage,<br>Church Street, Sidford.* | -   | -                            | 1                  | -                 | 1                  |
| 4 Laburnum Cottages, Sidford                    | -   | -                            | 1                  | -                 | 1                  |
| 5 Mill Street                                   | -   | -                            | 1                  | -                 | 1                  |
| Agra, Peaslands Road                            | -   | -                            | 1                  | -                 | 1                  |
| 10 Russell Street                               | -   | -                            | 1                  | -                 | 1                  |
| The Grove (Part of Building)                    | -   | 1                            | -                  | -                 | 1                  |
| 3 High Street, Sidford                          | -   | -                            | 1                  | -                 | 1                  |
| 2 Riverside, Sidbury                            | -   | -                            | 1                  | -                 | 1                  |
| 4 Landpart Cottages,<br>Temple Street           | -   | -                            | -                  | 1                 | 1                  |
| 37 Mill Street                                  | -   | -                            | -                  | 1                 | 1                  |
| 12 Mill Street                                  | -   | -                            | -                  | 1                 | 1                  |
| 35 Russell Street                               | -   | -                            | -                  | 1                 | 1                  |
| 42 Mill Street                                  | -   | -                            | -                  | 1                 | 1                  |
| <u>TOTALS</u>                                   | <u>2</u><br>===                           | <u>26</u><br>===             | <u>11</u><br>===== | <u>5</u><br>===== | <u>44</u><br>===== |

\* 'Undertaking' under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957, lifted after premises had been thoroughly reconditioned in accordance with proposals submitted by the owner and approved by the Council.

- (b) The Council have not yet undertaken any fresh building during the year, but the programme of 70 houses being built by the Council at Tyrrell Mead for sale was completed. These helped the Council's housing list indirectly as some of our Council tenants purchased these houses and thus made their vacated houses available for re-letting.

Also, the Lymebourne flat scheme was completed - the last six flats are included in the summary.

The Roxburgh flats were in course of erection during the year.

#### (c) Improvement Grants

The Public Health Inspector is the technical officer responsible for operation of the scheme, and the following table shows the position over the past four years. There are still a large number of houses in the area which lack modern amenities, and although applications are coming in regularly and are dealt with promptly, progress is not as fast as one could wish.

#### DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

Applications, Approvals and Grants Paid under Section 30 of the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958.

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>Applications</u> |                 | <u>Completions and Grants Paid</u> |                         |
|-------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
|             | <u>Received</u>     | <u>Approved</u> | <u>Dwellings Completed</u>         | <u>Grants Paid</u>      |
| 1959        | 6                   | 5               | 8                                  | £ 1,550                 |
| 1960        | 8                   | 7               | 1                                  | £ 400                   |
| 1961        | 8                   | 7               | 11                                 | £ 3,240                 |
| 1962        | 12                  | 12              | 8                                  | £ 2,390                 |
|             |                     |                 |                                    | <u>£ 7,580</u><br>===== |



13. HOUSING: (Continued)

(c) Improvement Grants (Continued):

STANDARD GRANTS

Applications, Approvals and Grants Paid under the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959.

| <u>Applications</u> |                 |                            | <u>Completions and Grants Paid</u><br><u>Standard Amenities Installed</u> |                        |                  |                     |                     |                    |         |
|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---|------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------|
| <u>Received</u>     | <u>Approved</u> | <u>Dwellings Completed</u> | <u>Fixed Bath</u>   | <u>Wash Hand Basin</u> | <u>Hot Water</u> | <u>Water Closet</u> | <u>Food Storage</u> | <u>Grants Paid</u> |         |
| 1959                | 12              | 10                         | 1   | 1                      | 1                | -                   | -                   | £ 105              |         |
| 1960                | 22              | 21                         | 18  | 17                     | 18               | 17                  | 4                   | 5                  | £ 1,402 |
| 1961                | 14              | 17                         | 17  | 15                     | 17               | 17                  | 7                   | 9                  | £ 1,742 |
| 1962                | 18              | 11                         | 8   | 7                      | 7                | 6                   | 6                   | 6                  | £ 905   |
| <hr/>               |                 |                            |   |                        |                  |                     |                     |                    |         |
| TOTALS:             | 66              | 59                         | 44  | 40                     | 43               | 41                  | 17                  | 20                 | £ 4,154 |
| <hr/>               |                 |                            |   |                        |                  |                     |                     |                    |         |

(d) Building Programme

The tables showing the rate of building and conversions over the past 10 years has again been included as it has been found very useful. The summary for the current year shows a rather dramatic increase and with the large amount of development pending is likely to continue.

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| (a) Built by the Local Authority ..... | 76  |
| (b) Built by Others - Houses .....     | 32  |
| Bungalows .....                        | 60  |
| Conversions .....                      | 9   |
|  | 177 |
|  | === |

TABLE SHOWING BUILDING DURING THE PAST 10 YEARS

NOTE: Houses include flats where they are new erections, otherwise flats are included under conversions.

| <u>YEAR</u> |             | <u>By L.A.</u> | <u>By Others</u> | <u>Totals</u> | <u>Grand Total</u> |
|-------------|-------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 1953        | Houses      | NIL            | 34               | 34            | 59                 |
|             | Bungalows   | NIL            | 13               | 13            |                    |
|             | Conversions | NIL            | 12               | 12            |                    |
| 1954        | Houses      | NIL            | 38               | 38            | 77                 |
|             | Bungalows   | NIL            | 33               | 33            |                    |
|             | Conversions | NIL            | 6                | 6             |                    |
| 1955        | Houses      | NIL            | 27               | 27            | 78                 |
|             | Bungalows   | NIL            | 50               | 50            |                    |
|             | Conversions | NIL            | 1                | 1             |                    |
| 1956        | Houses      | NIL            | 17               | 17            | 60                 |
|             | Bungalows   | NIL            | 38               | 38            |                    |
|             | Conversions | NIL            | 5                | 5             |                    |



# 13. HOUSING:

## (a) Building Programme (Continued)

| <u>YEAR</u>   |             | <u>By L.A.</u>      | <u>By Others</u>  | <u>Totals</u> | <u>Grand Total</u> |
|---------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 1957          | Houses      | 6                   | 14                | 20            | 86                 |
|               | Bungalows   | NIL                 | 53                | 53            |                    |
|               | Conversions | NIL                 | 13                | 13            |                    |
| 1958          | Houses      | NIL                 | 12                | 12            | 72                 |
|               | Bungalows   | NIL                 | 49                | 49            |                    |
|               | Conversions | NIL                 | 11                | 11            |                    |
| 1959          | Houses      | 24<br>(Flats)       | 34<br>(21 Flats)  | 58            | 114                |
|               | Bungalows   | NIL                 | 52                | 52            |                    |
|               | Conversions | NIL                 | 4                 | 4             |                    |
| 1960          | Houses      | NIL                 | 35<br>(21 Flats)  | 35            | 87                 |
|               | Bungalows   | NIL                 | 42                | 42            |                    |
|               | Conversions | NIL                 | 10                | 10            |                    |
| 1961          | Houses      | 18<br>(Flats)       | 23                | 41            | 101                |
|               | Bungalows   | NIL                 | 52                | 52            |                    |
|               | Conversions | NIL                 | 8                 | 8             |                    |
| 1962          | Houses      | 76<br>(6 Flats)     | 32<br>(4 Flats)   | 108           | 177                |
|               | Bungalows   | NIL                 | 60                | 60            |                    |
|               | Conversions | NIL                 | 9                 | 9             |                    |
| <u>TOTALS</u> | Houses      | 124                 | 266               | 390           | 911<br>===         |
|               | Bungalows   | NIL                 | 442               | 442           |                    |
|               | Conversions | NIL                 | 79                | 79            |                    |
|               |             | <u>124</u><br>===== | <u>787</u><br>=== |               |                    |

# 14. CAMPING:

During the year improvements were carried out at both the two main licensed sites. At Thorn Site, Salcombe Regis, new showers were installed for both sexes and this has been a very worth while addition to the ablution block. At Dunscombe Manor site, W.Cs. and wash hand basins have been provided near the entrance, which will be available for the caravans sited near as well as the casual vans.

An increase in the number of vans was agreed during the year from 50 to 58 and the licence adjusted accordingly.

Relations with the site owners are good and the main sites were both well maintained during the year.

The three licensed sites are:-

|                                      |   |    |
|--------------------------------------|---|----|
| Dunscombe Manor Farm, Salcombe Regis | - | 58 |
| Thorn Camping Site, Salcombe Regis.  | - | 50 |
| Slade Farm, Salcombe Regis.          | - | 4  |

It has been noted that tented camping has increased during the past year or so, and this may be because of the new controls on caravans as contained in the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960, which omitted to mention tents.

15. PUBLIC CONVENIENCES:

The Council, during the year, agreed to the complete renovation and extension of the conveniences at Connaught Gardens to not only bring them up to standard of the others, but to increase the accommodation. This work had not been started by the end of the year. The usual difficulty in staffing was experienced during the year, and the inadequate accommodation at Connaught Gardens has caused some trouble at peak periods.

The renovation of the Sidford conveniences has been a great improvement, and when the Connaught Gardens reconstruction is complete the standard will be as high as any town of comparable size.

16. RODENT CONTROL:

The number of treatments at domestic premises does not vary much and the nominal charge of 5/- is levied where necessary.

One farm was treated, and the usual sewer baiting showed small residual pockets of infestation in the same areas as before.

17. AIR POLLUTION:

During the latter part of 1961, after a request from the Warren Spring Laboratory (Department of Scientific and Industrial Research) the Council agreed to set up apparatus at the Manstone Highways Depot to measure pollution by smoke and sulphur dioxide. The national survey being undertaken by the laboratory, requires not only similar standards of measurement throughout the country, but proper siting of instruments to obtain a more accurate measure of pollution. In order to make comparisons between various types of district the following five categories were considered to cover all the types necessary for a comprehensive national picture.

1. Residential district with high population density.
2. Residential district with low population density.
3. Industrial working district.
4. Other working district e.g. commercial.
5. Smoke control area.

Sidmouth comes under No. 2 heading. At the end of a year it is possible to see a pattern emerging, and it is apparent that Sidmouth is cleaner than most of the comparable clean areas, although even in clean areas atmospheric pollution does occur. The original intention of the Council was to co-operate for a minimum period of two years, when the matter will be reconsidered.

18. REFUSE DISPOSAL:

The arrangements at the refuse tip at Knapp Copse are working very well and the Council now have agreed with Honiton Borough and Honiton Rural District Council to take their refuse.

The provision of a bulldozer worked by one man to replace two men working on the face has been a great improvement, and the tip is maintained in a very good condition.

Treatment for rodent and fly infestation is carried out by the Public Health Department, as required.



19. FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 - 1959:

| (a) <u>Inspections:</u>   | <u>Number</u><br><u>on</u><br><u>Register</u> | <u>Number of</u><br><u>Inspections</u> | <u>Written</u><br><u>Notices</u> | <u>Occupiers</u><br><u>Prosecuted</u> |
|---|---|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <u>Premises</u>   |   |  |                                  |                                       |
| (1) Factories in which<br>Sections 1,2,3,4, & 6<br>are to be enforced by<br>Local Authorities                               | 22  | 4                                      | -                                | -                                     |
| (2) Factories not included<br>in (1) in which<br>Section 7 is enforced<br>by the Local Authority                            | 47  | 1                                      | -                                | -                                     |
| (3) Other premises in<br>which Section 7 is<br>enforced by the<br>Local Authority (ex-<br>cluding Out-workers'<br>premises) | -   | -                                      | -                                | -                                     |
| <u>TOTALS</u>   | <u>69</u><br>====                             | <u>5</u><br>===                        | <u>-</u><br>===                  | <u>-</u><br>===                       |

(b) Cases in which defects were found:

NIL.

20. DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION:

(a) Disinfection

During the year the old building housing the steam disinfector and boiler was re-built and enlarged so that if it becomes necessary to provide a boiler to replace the existing one which has been in use for more than 30 years, the new premises will be able to take it without any major alterations.

The disinfector itself is still used and regarded as a most useful piece of equipment particularly as it is the only one in the six districts of East Devon.

(b) Verminous Persons and Premises

During the year no infestations were dealt with.

21. PETROLEUM:

The Public Health Inspector is designated as Petroleum Inspector and has to spend some time on visits and tests of old tanks which is now undertaken every five years but this is spread over as much as possible to avoid over-loading in any one year. There are 33 registered premises in the district.

22. DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOODS) ORDER, 1957

There are five licences operating in the district and all premises were inspected during the year and found satisfactory but in one case verbal instructions were given to the operator to pay more attention to general cleanliness.

23. INSPECTIONS:

The following inspections of food premises were carried out during the year:-

|  | <u>Number</u> | <u>Number of Visits</u> |
|--|---------------|-------------------------|
| Hotels   | 42            | 22                      |
| Guest Houses                                     | 20            | 4                       |
| Restaurants and Cafes                            | 19            | 31                      |
| Fish and Chip Shops                              | 2             | 3                       |
| Butchers   | 12            | 8                       |
| Bakers and Confectioners                         | 8             | 8                       |
| Dairies  | 5             | 8                       |
| Fishmongers                                      | 4             | 10                      |
| Grocers and General Provisions                   | 31            | 25                      |
| Greengrocers                                     | 8             | 9                       |
| School Canteens & Boarding Schools               | 4             | 1                       |
| Mobile Shops                                     | 1             | 10                      |
| Public Houses (excluding Hotels<br>with Licence) | 15            | 6                       |
| Market - Butcher, 2 Greengrocers                 | 3 Stalls      | 12                      |
| Number of Statutory Notices served - NIL.        |               |                         |

24. UNSOUND FOOD:

The following amounts of unsound food were examined and condemned on voluntary surrender for destruction or salvage during the year:-

(a) Meat and Meat Products

281 lb.

(b) Fruit and Vegetables

67 lb.

(c) Fish and Fish Products

133 lb.

As the result of the breakdown of the refrigeration mechanism of the deep freeze cabinets in two shops it was necessary on three occasions to condemn considerable amounts of frozen food, the total estimated value of which was approximately £120.





